

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 7, 2010 at 61 Woodland Street, Room B-39, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Tarah Cherry, Public Member  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Veronica Kivela, Public Member  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Donna Roberts, LPN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary M. Brown, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member  
Mertie Terry, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford and the University of Connecticut.

#### CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard did a presentation at Naugatuck Valley Community College regarding the role of the Board of Examiners for Nursing.

#### OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or concerns from the audience.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

H.A.V.E.N. Program Update  
Memorandum of Decision – Roxanne Bouchard, LPN

#### RN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM STATISTICS REPORT FOR 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Board reviewed the RN program stats for the 2008-2009 academic year. The Board had several questions and concerns and tabled to the May 5, 2010 business meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Diane Cybulski reviewed the scope of practice calls received in the Board office during the month of February. Amanda Campbell and Veronica Kivela arrived during this discussion.

## ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE – SELF STUDY REPORT

Dr. Joanne Wolfertz, Vice President and Dean of the College, Dr. Susan Capasso, Academic Dean of the College, and Margo McCarthy, Chairperson of the Nursing Program, were present for this report review. Katherine Pellerin moved that the Board accept the self-study report as St. Vincent's College has met all regulatory requirements outlined in Criteria 1 through 17 of the Nursing Education Program Review for Registered Nurses Preparatory Programs. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. The program was granted Full Approval and their next self-study review will take place in April of 2015.

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Board reviewed the Legislative Report provided by the Office of Government Relations regarding issues related to nursing.

## H.A.V.E.N. PROGRAM UPDATE

Attorney Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director of the H.A.V.E.N. Program was present to provide an update on the H.A.V.E.N. Program, non-compliance issues, finance component issues, and progress on insurance companies covering the cost of drug screen reports. Attorney Dinnan also provided an overview of the program for new Board Members.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bouffard, Jennifer Long, and Donna Roberts attended the NCSBN March Mid-Year Meeting in Chicago. The three attendees provided a synopsis of the meetings they attended regarding strategies on how to deal with the media, public safety protection, networking with other states, funding from the NCSBN, to name a few. Also, they would like to thank Jennifer Filippone of the DPH for arranging the trip to the NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting in Chicago.

## MINUTES

### FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Katherine Pellerin, Amanda Campbell, Tarah Cherry, and Heidi Darling.

### MARCH 3, 2010

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Tarah Cherry and Veronica Kivela.

### MARCH 17, 2010

Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 9:57 AM – 10:12 AM

## REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – LORRAINE MUNGER, LPN

Ms. Munger was present to request a reinstatement hearing before the Board. Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant Ms. Munger's request. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Chair Bouffard who was opposed. The hearing will be scheduled for June 2, 2010 at 9:45 AM. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing. Ms. Munger was handed a copy of the Notice of Hearing and will be mailed a copy first class mail.

## MEMORANDA OF DECISION

### ROXANNE BOUCHARD, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Bouchard's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

### CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Denniss' license. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Tarah Cherry. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

### ERICA HILL, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Hill's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

### LAURIE WOODSTOCK, RN

Donna Roberts moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Woodstock's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

### MICHELE WHEELER, RN

Heidi Darling moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to keep the September 5, 2007 Memorandum of Decision in full force with an increase in random drug/alcohol screens to weekly for the remainder of the probationary period. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

### AMY ZIEGLER, LPN

Veronica Kivela moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Ziegler's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

## INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – JENNIFER STACHELEK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Jennifer Stachelek. Ms. Stachelek was not present nor was she represented by counsel at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

## CONSENT ORDER – CHANTEL MICHAUD, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Chantel Michaud. Ms. Michaud was present with counsel, Attorney Hilary Fisher Nelson. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – MARIE FLEISCHER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Marie Fleischer. Ms. Fleischer was present with counsel, Attorney Hilary Fisher Nelson. Amanda Campbell moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the Consent Order be granted as presented. The motion failed as only Amanda Campbell, Donna Roberts, and Chair Bouffard were in favor. The Consent Order was denied. It was the decision of the Board that no further discipline was warranted. Attorney Wilan stated that the Department would be issuing a Statement of Charges in this case.

#### CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA HARRISON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Patricia Harrison. Ms. Harrison was present without representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

#### HEARING – KATHRYN ARMITAGE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Armitage was present without counsel at this hearing. The Board recessed for five minutes in order to allow Ms. Armitage time to decide whether or not she wished to go forward with this hearing today. Ms. Armitage requested a continuance in order to allow her time to seek counsel. Katherine Pellerin moved to grant Ms. Armitage's request for a continuance. The motion was seconded by Amanda Campbell and passed with all in favor with the exception of Jennifer Long who was opposed. The hearing has been rescheduled for July 21, 2010.

#### HEARING – KAREN CARLSON McPADDEN, RN, REINSTATEMENT HEARING

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. McPadden was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Ms. McPadden and Lynn Keenan, LADC. The hearing closed.

Amanda Campbell moved and Jennifer Long seconded to reinstate Ms. McPadden's license to probation for four years after she successfully completed a Board approved refresher program. Ms. McPadden will provide the Department with weekly drug screen reports for the first and fourth years of probation and bimonthly drug screen reports for the second and third years, employer and therapist reports are to be provided monthly, no access to narcotic keys for her first year of returning to work as a nurse, and no pool nursing or working in a home health agency for the entire probationary period. The Board requested that this Memorandum of Decision be expedited if at all possible. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was raised that Ms. McPadden be reinstated to probation after she successfully completed the NCLEX-RN. The motion failed as all were opposed with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who was in favor and Tarah Cherry who abstained. A new motion was raised, which was the unanimous decision of the Board, that Ms. McPadden does not have to retake the NCLEX-RN.

#### MEETING – APRIL 21, 2010

THERE ARE NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 21, 2010, THEREFORE THAT MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2010 AT 8:30 AM AT 61 WOODLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 12:20 PM.